Salaries of Anganwadi Employees

1126. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the salaries of the employees working in the anganwadis under Integrated Child Development Scheme and their helpers as per their demands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to privatise this scheme; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b). Under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme Anganwadi Workers and Helpers are voluntary, part-time workers drawn from the local community. They are expected to work for four hours in the anganwadis and spent half an hour on home visits daily. They are given fixed honoraria presently in the range of Rs. 275/- p.m. to Rs. 325/- p.m. depending upon their experience and educational level. The grant of revision of the rates of honorarium is under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d). No such proposal is under consideration by the Government of India. However, the Government of India has requested State Governments to favourably consider the involvement of voluntary organisations in the running of ICDS projects on the concept of community participation which is the basic to the ICDS Programme.

Kalwa-Nerul-Belapur and Mankhurd-New Bombay Sections

1127. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether works relating to the laying of railway line between Kalwa-Nerul-Belapur and Mankhurd to New Bombay has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the local passenger trains are likely to be introduced on these routes; and

(c) if not, the time by which these projects are likely to be completed and opened to traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). (i) Kalwa-Turbhe-Juinagar is a siding for goods traffic under construction as a deposit work for CTDCO. Kalwa-Turbhe portion of the siding has been completed and construction of Turbhe-Juinagar portion is in progress. Kalwa-Turbhe-Juinagar being a goods siding there is no plan to run passenger traffic thereon.

(ii) Juinagar-Nerul-Belapur forms a part of Mankhurd-Belapur rail line project which is expected to be opened for commuter traffic in 1992.

Facilities on Dehare Railway Station

1128. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: